

**MINUTES OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE
ON NEW ECONOMY AND QUALITY OF LIFE**

Thursday, March 22, 2007

9:00 a.m.

Room 521, House Office Building

Chair Clemente called the Standing Committee on New Economy and Quality of Life to order.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Reps. Clemente, Clack, Leland, Meisner, Melton, Griffin, Meadows, Huizenga, Hildenbrand, Garfield, Pastor (11/11)

MEMBERS ABSENT/EXCUSED: None (0/11)

The **Chair** announced that today's meeting was being simulcast on the Internet.

Representative Melton moved to adopt the minutes from the meeting held on March 14, 2007. Hearing no objection, the **motion prevailed** with unanimous consent.

Chair Clemente laid **House Bill 4315** before the committee.

HB 4135 Bieda Retirement; other; MI-retirement plan; create.

Representative Bieda explained the intent of the bill and a proposed **Substitute (H-1)**. Questions and discussion followed.

Representative Melton moved to adopt **Substitute (H-1)** to **House Bill 4135**.

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL:

YEAS: Reps. Clemente, Leland, Griffin, Meadows, Melton, Huizenga, Garfield (7/11)

NAYS: Rep. Pastor (1/11)

PASS: None (0/11)

A sufficient number of members voting in the affirmative, the **motion prevailed**.

Phil Stoddard, Director of the Office of Retirement Services, Michigan Department of Management and Budget, testified in **support** of the bill and answered questions.

Kerrie Vanden Bosche, representing the Michigan Department of Management and Budget, joined **Mr. Stoddard** at the testimony table, indicating **support** for the bill, but did not speak.

Representative Wenke testified in **support** of the bill and answered questions. He also submitted written testimony.

Chris Swope, representing the Soup to Nutz Bistro, testified in **support** of the bill. He also submitted written testimony.

Amanda Fisher, representing the National Federation of Independent Business, testified in **opposition** to the bill and answered questions. She also submitted written testimony.

Rich Studley, representing the Michigan Chamber of Commerce, testified in **opposition** to the bill and answered questions. He also submitted written material.

Kim Howlett, representing Fantastic Sam's of Colonial Village, testified in **support** of the bill.

Sam Hanna, representing himself, testified in **support** of the bill.

Phil Hubbard, representing the Metro Minority Chamber of Commerce, testified in **support** of the bill.

Rob Anderson and **Craig Foerch**, representing Farm Bureau Insurance, testified in **opposition** to the bill and answered questions.

Bill Knox, representing AARP, testified in **support** of the bill.

Linda Keefe, representing the Community Economic Development Association of Michigan, testified in **support** of the bill and answered questions. She also submitted written testimony and material.

Joelle Demand, representing the Michigan Bankers Association, testified in **opposition** to the bill.

Chris Pigorsch, representing Founders Bank & Trust, testified in **opposition** to the bill. She also submitted written testimony.

Scott Hummel, representing the Michigan Association of Insurance Agents, testified in **opposition** to the bill.

George Carr, representing the Michigan Association of Insurance and Financial Advisors, testified in **opposition** to the bill.

Larry Kish, representing the Life Insurance Association of Michigan, submitted a testimony card in **opposition** to the bill, but did not speak.

A letter in **support** was submitted by **Jason Blair**, representing Dodgen Aircraft.

There being no further business to come before the committee, the **Chair** adjourned the meeting, the time being **11:10 a.m.**

Representative Ed Clemente, Chair

Jean Hamelin, Committee Clerk
(517) 373-5632